

## **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DE-SPOOLER JOB JOINING**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

5           A system and method are provided for de-spooler job joining.  
The method comprises: despooling a plurality of print jobs at a client  
device; joining the print jobs into a single joined print job; and,  
rendering the joined print job as a single continuous print job. The de-  
spooler may be part of an imaging device or the client device supplying the  
10   print jobs. In one aspect, joining the print jobs includes: concatenating;  
creating a single spool file with multiple raster image processes (RIPs).  
Alternately, joining the print jobs includes: generating a RIP for each  
print job, with RIP end/start instructions; removing the RIP end/start  
instructions; concatenating the plurality of RIPs; and, creating a single  
15   spool file with a single RIP. In another aspect, joining the print jobs  
includes: converting each print job into an image format file; and, merging  
into a single RIP.